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In an international cricket match played at Philadelphia between Canada and the United States, Canada won by 40 runs.

We are informed that advice has been received in Hongkong to the effect that the new Treaty Port of Shensi has been opened to trade.

Mr. Erich Georg in his weekly share list of this date writes:—Business has been a little slower during the week, and, with the exception of Dock shares and Panjunga, which have risen considerably, rates have been rather unsettled, and in some cases shown a decline.

As the result of an agitation in the Tonkin Press, the Governor General, Mr. Roussseau, has issued an order that Mr. Yersin, whose pecuniary means are as small as his scientific attainments are great—shall be reimbursed the expenses connected with his bacteriological investigations by the French Colonies in the following proportions:—Cochin-China, 6-13ths; Cambodge, 1-13th; and Annam-Tonkin, 6-13ths.

The Lords of the Admiralty have approved an expenditure of £23,000 for the repair and refitting, at Chatham Dockyard, of the second-class cruiser *Leander*, which recently returned from Hongkong, after a somewhat prolonged period of service in Chinese waters. The work will be of an extensive character, and is to be pushed forward with all dispatch directly the state of affairs on the battleships *Victorious* and *Illustrious* will permit.

At the Magistracy to-day, Commander Hastings sent a boy to the Reformatory for three years for stealing \$13 from a drawer in the Indian officers' Mess of the Hongkong Regiment. The theft was reported about eight o'clock yesterday morning to Inspector Butler, Yau-nai, and he immediately despatched a Chinese detective to search for the boy. At half-past two o'clock yesterday afternoon the boy was arrested in the Chinese Reformatory Ground at Hongkong. The prisoner admitted the theft at the Magistracy.

This first article in *Cassell's Saturday Journal* for September is devoted to 'A Chat with Li Hung Chang.' The interview is between Mr. Edward R. P. Moon, M.P. for North St. Pauline, and the Viceroy at Peking last year, who was the guest of Mr. Thompson at the Kwo Bungalow. There is the usual miscellaneous collection of short articles, and Wilfred Womley continues the series of articles on 'Great Jewel Robberies of To-day.' The serial story, 'Tracked by a Talon,' still maintains its fascinating interest. Since the new departure of printing coloured illustrations commenced, *Little Folks* this little magazine has doubled its popularity amongst the children. This number contains sixteen pages printed in colours. The large number of testimonials printed in *Work* are sufficient indication of the popularity of this journal. One Queensland reader sends a photograph of a pretty little cottage which he has built entirely from instructions in *Work*, and he has been enabled to furnish his home by means of instructions from the same source.

In the September issue of the *Art Journal*, Mr. E. M. Bowden continues his interesting article on 'Art Themes from Hinduism.' The number is varied in its interests. A contributor, who is at once an angler and an artist, discourses pleasantly on both in a successful attempt to wed his two hobbies. The illustrations are appropriate, but, we think, leave a good deal to the imagination. This, however, cannot be reckoned a fault; for if all pictures stimulated the imaginative faculties of the spectator there would be a wider appreciation of the artistic than we see around us in this utilitarian age. Mr. C. T. Deak, in a similar manner, associates 'Fine Art' with 'Mountaineering.' The writer opens his contribution in the following modest phrase: 'Twenty-eight years ago, the author, with two companions, Mr. O'Connell, Tucker, and the late Mr. A. W. Moore, C.B., discovered the Chocoma, from the mountaineering point of view.' It may be presumed, therefore, that he writes as an enthusiast, and he has been singularly successful in his selection of illustrative mountain views with fine clouds and snow effects. To the general reader, the long and beautifully illustrated article entitled 'Picturesque Dublin' will most strongly appeal. We who have wandered through the streets of the Irish capital, enjoyed the article, and we look forward to the second portion with anticipatory pleasure. There are several readable articles dealing more intimately with pure art and to our mind the bonnet touch of the number is Delia Hart's brief biographical sketch of Cassio del Alisal, the Spanish painter, of whose two principal pictures illustrations are given. The story of 'The True King'—The Ball of Huesca, is of real interest, and a nearly a romantic invocation in 1896 with striking simplicity, yet with sufficient power to impress it on our memory.

Yachts at sea—At London—White Cloud, Admir. Britannia, Honorable, Royal, S. D. Cassin, Mathilda, Strathmore.

Competition—John Batley, Gaelic.

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At the Magistracy to-day, Commander Hastings committed the coxswain of the steam launch *Tweed* for trial at the Criminal Sessions on a charge of manslaughter. The *Tweed* collided with a sampan off Causeway-bay on Sunday night, and one of the female occupants of the boat was drowned.

On Sunday morning between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam-launch *Daywing*, carrying the Botfal fig, will call alongside any vessel holding the answering pennant, to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's (Seamen's) Church, returning about 12.30.

At the last meeting of the shareholders of the Messageries Maritimes, the President stated that the steamers *Caldonian*, *Oceanic*, *Salvator*, *Sydney* and *Yarra* had been refitted with triple-expansion engines of great power, which will increase the speed of these vessels by one knot per hour.

It would almost seem that a terrible spell of ill-luck has been cast over the British fleet. Following closely upon the *Narcissus* and the *Sedition* disasters, the *Daily Press* Shanghai correspondent announces a similar disaster to a boat belonging to Rear-Admiral Oxley's flagship, the *Crofton*, at Sivooch Bay. Mr. Henry James Troughton, Secretary to Admiral Oxley, was drowned. Mr. Troughton became an Assistant Paymaster in August, 1890.

It is worthy of notice that to-day there are three tank steamers of the 'Shell' line in the Harbour, the *Trocas*, the *Glen*, and the *Courier*, belonging to Messrs M. Samuel and Co., (for whom Messrs. Arnold, Karberg and Co. are the Hongkong agents.) These three tankers have on board in the aggregate 15,100 tons of Russian oil in bulk, or equal to 4,000,000 gallons. A glance at these figures is sufficient to impress one with the enormous importance of the kerosene oil trade in the Far East.

On the 29th September a Chinaman obtained from a passage boat twenty bales of glue and ten bales of tobacco, by means of a forged bill bearing the 'shop' of a shop in which he was formerly employed. On the 30th September he was arrested by the Police, but he had sent the goods to Macao. A Chinese detective was sent over to Macao on the 1st October, and discovered the goods on board a passage-boat there that same night, just as the boat was on the point of departure. The Macao authorities arrested the master of the junk and kept him in goal for several days. The detective brought the goods to Hongkong, and the master of the passage-boat offered to give evidence in the case. The man was tried before Commander Hastings to-day and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

The Volunteer Camp at Stonecutter's Island was opened to-day under very unfavourable weather conditions. The tents were pitched on Thursday, but the soaked ground rendered it impossible to have a canvas camp. Notwithstanding the unpromising nature of the weather about sixteen men of both units were on guard duty last night and Thursday night. During Friday the canvas camp was declared to be uninhabitable, and at night a little brick bungalow was prepared for the reception of about twenty men for the night. Dinner was served last night between seven and eight o'clock. This morning there was some difficulty as to whether or not the camp would be postponed for a day or two, but it was ultimately decided to postpone the camp till Monday. We are informed by our Stonecutter's Island correspondent that the small party of volunteers spent a busy and enjoyable day at the camp. At 3 a.m. it was raining smartly. Up till noon they performed some hard work' hauling off tarpaulins, tenting ropes, and studying the art of pitching. There was a good muster at 11 a.m., and the announcement (since contradicted) that the camp had not been postponed was received with demonstrations of approval. These demonstrations speedily subsided when the order was given to 'Take out tent-boards, roll up curtains, and dry blankets.' However, these pioneers of the Volunteer Corps worked with a will. All hands engaged on fatigue duty—there was much patient study of how to pitch tent-boards, also some impatient language. At four p.m. the sun and wind had dried up the camp and the apparatus stood beautifully. Everybody was reported to be in the best of humour except the trumpeter, who was kept at practice and severely liked it. The last words of our correspondent are—'Anxious enquiries for the Camp Guide.'

The following Berlin telegrams appear in American newspapers.—The people manufacturers of Germany are greatly alarmed at the progress which American wheels have made in the country during the past few months, and they have adopted novel methods in getting the better of the American competition. American firms have been heavy advertisers in German papers, but now their advertisements are refused, because the German manufacturers threaten to withdraw their advertisements if American wheels are refused. The German papers have taken the matter up, and are urging that the duty on American wheels be increased. A petition to that effect will be presented to the Reichstag at the coming session. That the matter stands at present, the *Frankfurter Zeitung* has been criticised with some of the papers which are active in the advertisement, saying: 'The German people are not to be deceived.'

The first news received for many months has reached Stockholm (says the *Posten* and *Telegraph*) from Dr. Swan-Bodin, who returned to Stockholm, in Central Asia, on the 27th May, after an expedition of five months' duration through the Gobi desert, and has been immediately prepared for a new journey through Tibet to Peking. Dr. Bodin has discovered the traces of two ancient cities, has found the Lob-Nor Lake, which he thoroughly examined, and of which he made a map, as well as 120 maps of his journey from Kachgar to Khotan, and the above-mentioned lake. He believes he has reached Peking in six or seven months. The last news from him was from Samarkand, on the 20th of June, when he had begun his journey with a caravan of 100 men, and had reached Samarkand on the 20th.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.—That the Gymkhana has broken the record as to weather, for it is some time since we have had a shower or a drizzle of good weather like that of to-day.

That the last typhoon (why will our Spanish friends not discontinue stormy names?) must have been of a most unseasonable area, to judge by the force of its outer edge and the prolonged dirty weather which succeeded it.

That the weather to-morrow, as Mr. Figg has warned us, may be very different from that of to-day, albeit the air seems so small of the N.E. monsoon, and last night's temperature showed a marked change for the better.

That speaking of meteorological notices, I think most residents will admit the improvement shown of late at our Observatory.

That more pains were taken than formerly to warn residents of the late 'blow,' and although some one who will to himself get a little mixed up between Bolinas and Burnos, things have decidedly improved.

That this refers principally to the mode of conveying to the public, through 'expresses' and otherwise, a knowledge of the movements of the storms with which Manila so liberally supplies us.

That we may hope, before the next typhoon-season comes round, the improvement will extend to the mode of signalling.

That the most satisfactory features of the timely warnings are the almost total immunity from damage to property during the last gale, and the entire absence of loss of life.

That the public are tempted to hope much from the advent of Mr. F. H. May in the Sanitary Board, with his practical knowledge of the sanitary requirements of the city.

That there can be no doubt about the admiration in which the full-blooded body known as the Sanitary Board, which fought and defeated the terrible Plague in 1894.

That there can be just as little doubt about the fact that this institution lost more than half of the public sympathy which the popular element retained.

That the Government might have gained more credit and secured better work by a speedy reconstitution of the Board, instead of leaving everything to the almost unquestioned will of arbitrary and not always discreet officials.

That the mode by which these officials now seek to wrap themselves within a covering of new by-laws is not in accordance with private rights and is entirely against public policy.

That the cause recently decided, in which the subordinate officials of the Board were proved to have carried out their instructions with needless severity, are sufficient argument against granting further powers to the Board.

That Hongkong cannot afford to pay six Medical Officers of Health, neither can it afford to give power to inferior officers to damage private property at their own sweet will.

That I consider the Sanitary Board, as at present constituted, is not the Sanitary Board provided for in the Ordinance, and that it is nothing short of an impertinence for a few officials to come forward to claim immunity from the consequences of their illegal and unconstitutional proceedings.

That the modified nature of the administration of the Board since it ceased to administer the sanitary laws with the aid of unofficial members, is, or ought to be, an acknowledgment of failure.

That, instead of this acknowledgment, we have a new set of by-laws which, if allowed to be passed and acted upon as the recent Court proceedings indicated, would be calculated to denude our Island of many of the best Chinese residents in the Colony.

That in saying this much, I give way to no one in the desire to impress upon Chinese residents the absolute necessity of laws which ought to render a recurrence of the Plague an impossibility.

That, nevertheless, these European residents, who actually know what it is to place too much power into the hands of subordinates, are aware that cleanliness can be effectively secured without running the greater risk of an 'itching epidemic.'

That the President of the so-called Sanitary Board did not increase his reputation as a public servant or a leader of men, when he post-pooled all thorough-going investigation into the working and application of the Board's By-laws.

That I, even go further, and say that H. E. the Governor would have done well to have ordered an investigation of the most thorough character.

That it is to be hoped the Legislative Council will succeed in agreeing in their opposition to the by-laws which the Sanitary Board (without exception Mr. Ede) desire to see passed.

That Shanghai seems now, as ever, somewhat fertile in 'boudoiring,' if not in blundering.

That your morning contemporary, in a special wire, says that the Chamber of Commerce to Peking was a failure.

That the only circumstance which could justify such a statement would, I imagine, be the refusal of all concerned to hear the case of the Chamber of Commerce, and no possible assurance could have been given to him as to the final decision thereon.

That I am a great admirer of the Benevolent Society, and of the ladies and gentlemen who support that admirable institution.

That, all the same, I cannot for the life of me see why the Concert announced should not be held for once in the fine rooms of the City Hall, especially at this time of year.

BROWNIE.

In consequence of orders duplicated, we offer a number of *Pianos of Cost Price*, \$200.—W. Robinson & Co.

A GAMBOLER received at Boston from the European Union of Assassins an announcement that a canoe had been discovered by Glasgow, one of the assistants at the observatory at Nice. The position of the object at the accession is 17 hours, 10 minutes, 13 seconds, declination south 7 degrees, 20 minutes. The comet has a slight south-easterly motion.

The first news received for many months has reached Stockholm (says the *Posten* and *Telegraph*) from Dr. Swan-Bodin, who returned to Stockholm, in Central Asia, on the 27th May, after an expedition of five months' duration through the Gobi desert, and has been immediately prepared for a new journey through Tibet to Peking. Dr. Bodin has discovered the traces of two ancient cities, has found the Lob-Nor Lake, which he thoroughly examined, and of which he made a map, as well as 120 maps of his journey from Kachgar to Khotan, and the above-mentioned lake. He believes he has reached Peking in six or seven months. The last news from him was from Samarkand, on the 20th of June, when he had begun his journey with a caravan of 100 men, and had reached Samarkand on the 20th.

FIFTH GYMKHANA MEETING.

Patrons.—His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G.; His Excellency Major General Black, C.B.; Commodore Stronach, C.B., and others.

Committee.—R. Alexander, Esq., M.P.; The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Esq., M.P.; Capt. Burney, M.A.; M. Grose, Esq.; V. Cesar Hawkins, Esq.; T. F. Hough, Esq.; O. H. Nugent, Esq.; Capt. Loveland, M.P.; J. McKie, Esq.; G. C. C. Massey, Esq.; Lt.-Col. The O'Gorman, M.P.; Capt. Radcliffe, Esq.; Commander W. F. Tunnard, M.P.; The Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Esq.; The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Esq.; and the Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Esq.

Handicappers.—Hart Buck, Esq.; M. Grose, Esq.; T. F. Hough, Esq.; Starter.—Capt. Burney, M.A.; Timekeeper.—J. McKie, Esq.; Clerk of the Scales.—R. Alexander, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer.—Capt. Radcliffe. Hon. Secretary.—Lieut.-Colonel The O'Gorman, M.P.

The last gymkhana meeting for the season was held this afternoon. The morning opened very threatening, but as the day wore on the weather improved and in the afternoon the sun was shining brightly. A pleasant breeze, however, was blowing over the course. Notwithstanding the heavy rains during the early morning, the course was in very good condition. The races were commenced with a rather small attendance of spectators. During the afternoon the band of the Rifle Brigade played a pleasing selection of music. The following are the results:—

FIVE FURLONGS HANDICAP, for all China ponies: 1st prize, \$60; 2nd, \$20. Entrance \$2.00. Lt.-Col. The O'Gorman's *Morrison*, 1st. (Mr. Bodin) 1. Surgeon-Capt. Edey's *Plum*, 11st 5lbs. (Owner) 2. Mr. Potts's *Vagabond*, 11st 5lbs. (Mr. Bodin) 3. Mr. Whitehead's *The Laird*, 11st 5lbs. (Mr. Jones) 0.

Time—1 min. 22 1/2 sec. *Plum* led the way from the start, but in the run down the straight *Morrison*, who had been following close behind, gained the lead and won by about a length and a half. The winner was ridden by Mr. Bodin.

THE WRITER WEIGHT RACE, for China ponies: 1st prize, \$50; 2nd, \$20. Entrance \$2.00. Mr. R. Potts's *Prose*, 11st 5lbs. (Owner) 1. Mr. Deacon's *Thistle*, 11st 5lbs. (Owner) 2. Mr. Whitehead's *Kingstone*, 11st 5lbs. (Owner) 3. Mr. Grose's *Potts's*, 11st 5lbs. (Owner) 0. Mr. Potts's *Simple Simon*, 11st 5lbs. (Owner) 0.

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